



## Holiday Exodus 2010

During the next few weeks, members of our Army Family will celebrate the holidays at locations both near and far across the globe. While many of you will spend this special time with loved ones and friends, others will be continuing our nation's fight in theaters overseas away from their Families. The service and sacrifice of all our Soldiers and Families continue to be humbling reminders of the price of freedom. Thank you for all you do to ensure this precious gift is sustained today and for generations to come.

Wherever your plans take you during this year's exodus, remember that safety plays an important role in keeping the holidays happy. With winter weather setting in and record numbers of travelers forecast for our highways and roads, long-distance journeys can be particularly risky for Soldiers driving to visit Family and friends. The Travel Risk Planning System, available online at <https://safety.army.mil>, can help you plan for possible hazards and manage the risks. Also keep in mind that complacency can be especially dangerous, so get adequate rest and stay alert and focused even on short trips close to home.

As you enjoy all the season has to offer, think of your buddies and reach out to those who might need help in staying safe. Alcohol is a common menu item at holiday parties, so step up to be a designated driver or arrange for cab service to ensure everyone makes it home safely. The safe decision is often the easiest, and you can have a tremendous impact in helping your buddies make the right choices not only during the holidays, but every day of the year.

Thank you again for everything you do for our nation and our Army. On behalf of the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center team, we wish you and yours a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and new year.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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